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...the majority of instruction will be delivered in-person from February 7 until the end of Winter Session, Term 2

- All students, faculty, staff, and others must assess themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to engaging in in-person UBC activities on our campuses, and must stay home if they are experiencing relevant symptoms. Access the self-assessment tool at https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en
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- UBC continues to operate its COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program https://rapidtesting.covid19.ubc.ca/

Lectures, discussions and workshops will be in person for registered Biol 501 students in BRC 224. Lectures will continue to be delivered on Zoom for students taking Directed Studies and students who need to self-isolate. I will continue to record the lectures.

Outline

- What is a linear model
- Several examples
- Estimating parameters vs testing hypotheses
- Model comparison: *full* vs *reduced* models
- Sequential vs marginal testing of terms
- The lure of model simplification
- Perils of correcting for covariates
- Assumptions of linear models
- Related methods in R

What is a linear model

A relationship between variables involving

- a response variable Y
- explanatory variables X₁, X₂, ...
- normal random errors with equal variance in the form

 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \text{error}$

where β_0 , β_1 , β_2 , ... are the *parameters* of the linear model

What is a linear model

For example:

fit a mean to data: $Y = \beta_0$ simple linear regression: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ multiple regression: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + ...$ quadratic regression: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$ ANOVA: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ...$ (I will explain)

More names for types of linear models:

- Two-sample comparison of means
- Multi-factor ANOVA
- Analysis of covariance

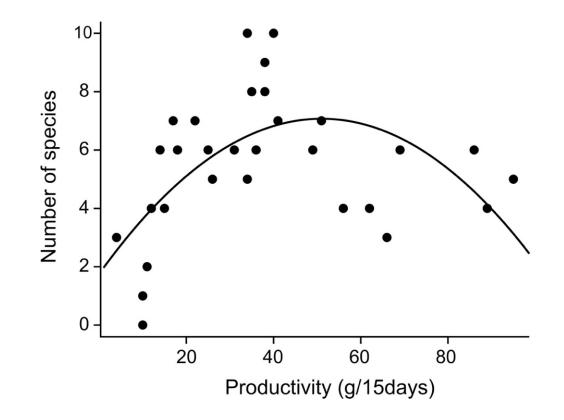
All can be written in the same form

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots$$

A linear model needn't be a straight line

For example, the quadratic equation is a linear model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$$



So what

"Linear models" unites many methods into a common framework that

- Provides a common set of tools lm() in R for fixed effects
- Handles many different study designs
- Equipped to estimate parameters and effect sizes *biological significance*
- Straightforward to use, even when there are multiple variables
- Better handling of unbalanced designs than traditional ANOVA calculations

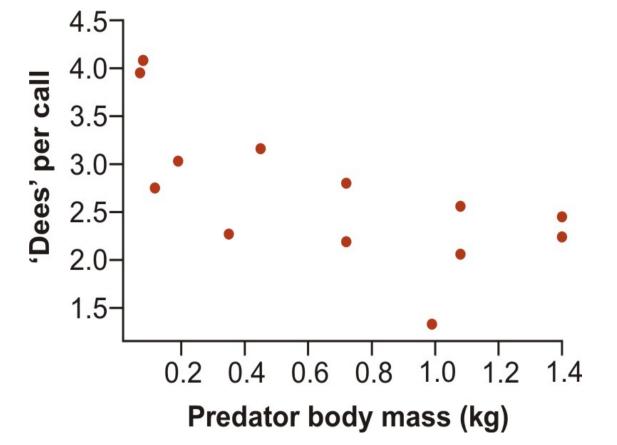
Example 1: Simple linear regression

Data: The average number of "dee" notes per alarm call by black-capped chickadees presented with a live, perched predator.

Predator species	Predator body	"dee"
	mass (kg)	notes per call
Northern pygmy-owl	0.07	3.95
Saw-whet owl	0.08	4.08
American kestrel	0.12	2.75
Merlin	0.19	3.03
Short-eared owl	0.35	2.27
Cooper's hawk	0.45	3.16
Prairie falcon	0.72	2.19
Peregrine falcon	0.72	2.80
Rough-legged hawk	0.99	1.33
Red-tailed hawk	1.08	2.56
Great gray owl	1.08	2.06
Great horned owl	1.40	2.45
Gyrfalcon	1.40	2.24

Templeton, C. N., E. Greene, and K. Davis. 2005. *Science* 308: 1934-1937.





Linear model for simple linear regression

 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$

Parameters in this equation – these are the "effects":

- β_0 : population **intercept**,
 - β_1 : population **slope**
- *b*₀ : estimate of **intercept** based on random sample,
 *b*₁ : estimate of **slope** based on random sample

In R the intercept is implicit and doesn't need to be in the word statement of the model formula:

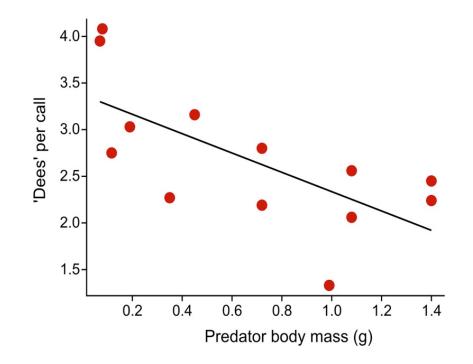
```
z < - lm(dees ~ mass)
```

Use summary() to get parameter estimates (please ignore the tests)

Formula for the least squares estimate: $Y = b_0 + b_1 X$

summary(z) # produces the coefficients table (ignore the tests)

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> <i>t</i>)
(Intercept)	3.3731	0.2776	12.149	1.02e-07 ***
mass	-1.0382	0.3402	-3.051	0.0110 *



summary() What R does behind the scenes to estimate parameters

R fits two "variables" to the data: mass and a column of 1's,.

dees		dummy		mass	
3.95		1		0.07	
4.08		1		0.08	
2.75		1		0.12	
3.03		1		0.19	
2.27		1		0.35	
3.16	$= b_0$	1	+ b_1	0.45	+ residuals
2.19		1		0.72	
2.80		1		0.72	
2.45		1		1.40	
1.33		1		0.99	
2.24		1		1.40	
2.56		1		1.08	
2.06		1		1.08	

See that for each point *i*, dees[*i*] = $b_0(1) + b_1 \text{ mass}[i] + \text{residual}[i]$ e.g.: $3.95 = b_0(1) + b_1(1.07) + \text{residual}[1^{\text{st}}]$

summary()What R does behind the scenes to estimate parameters

R uses least squares to fit a multiple regression to the X-variables ("dummy" and mass). The best estimates of b_0 and b_1 minimize the sum of squared residuals.

dees		dummy		mass	
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4.08		1		0.08	
2.75		1		0.12	
3.03		1		0.19	
2.27		1		0.35	
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2.19		1		0.72	
2.80		1		0.72	
2.45		1		1.40	
1.33		1		0.99	
2.24		1		1.40	
2.56		1		1.08	
2.06		1		1.08	

You can see the behind-the-scenes coding system in R as follows.

```
z <- lm(dees ~ mass)
model.matrix(z)</pre>
```

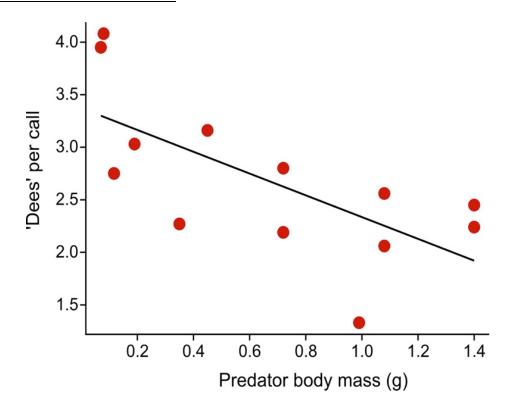
Use summary() to get parameter estimates

z < - lm(dees ~ mass)

summary(z) # yields the coefficients table with estimates b_0 and b_1 (Please ignore the tests):

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> <i>t</i>)
(Intercept)	3.3731	0.2776	12.149	1.02e-07 ***
mass	-1.0382	0.3402	-3.051	0.0110 *

visreg(z, "mass")
Produces a plot of the fitted model.



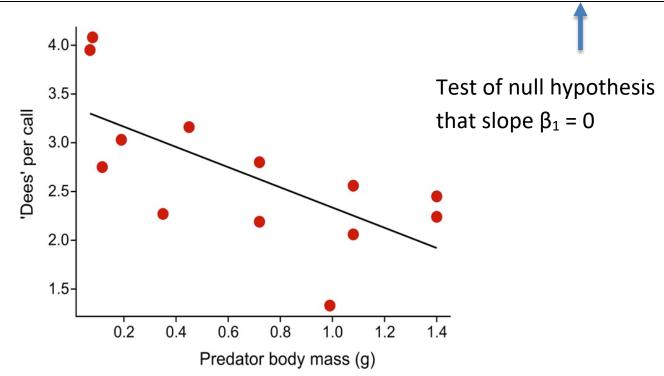
Use anova() or Anova() to test hypothesis

z <- lm(dees ~ mass)</pre>

```
anova(z)
```

yields the ANOVA table

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(> <i>F</i>)
mass	1	3.1268	3.1268	9.3106	0.01102*
Residuals	11	3.6942	0.3358		



Factors are tested using model comparison

anova() tests each term or factor by comparing fits of <u>two</u> models to the data. Comparison is always between a *reduced* model and a *full* model. The *reduced* model contains a subset of terms contained in the *full* model. *F*-test is used to test whether the *full* model fits the data significantly better than the *reduced* model.

Behind the scenes, this is how R tests the effect of predator body mass:

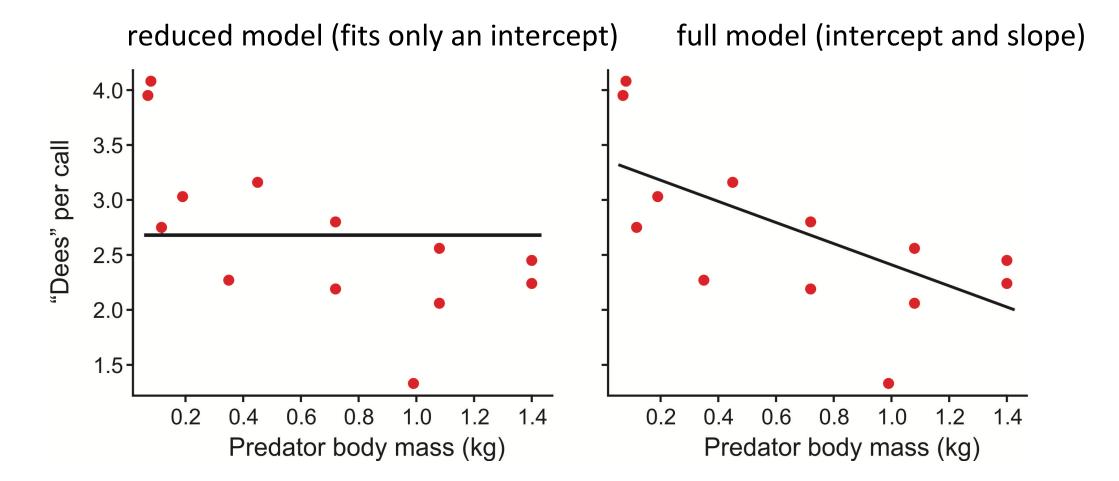
z0	<-	lm(dees	~	1)	#	fits <i>reduced</i> model (intercept only)
z1	<-	lm(dees	~	mass)	#	fits <i>full</i> model with intercept and mass
anc	ova(z0,z1)			#	compares fits with <i>F</i> test, yielding:

	Res. Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(> <i>F</i>)
1 [reduced]	12	6.8210				
2 [full]	11	3.6942	1	3.1268	9.3106	0.01102

Visually, anova(z0, z1) makes the following comparison:

The test of predator body mass involves a comparison of these two models:

dees ~ 1 dees ~ mass

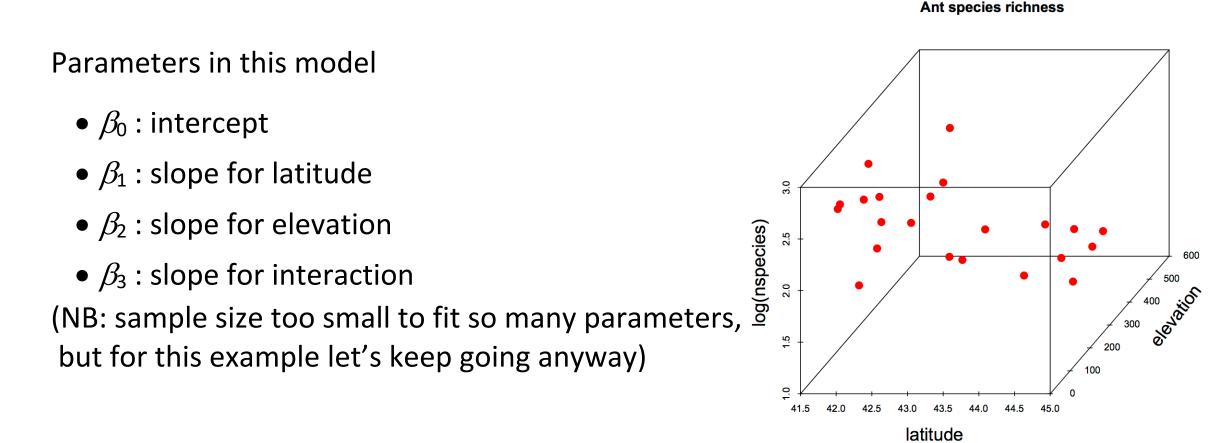


Example 2: Multiple regression

Data: Effects of latitude and elevation on ant species richness. *n* = 22 forest plots.

Gotelli, N.J. & Ellison, A.M. (2002b). Biogeography at a regional scale: determinants of ant species density in bogs and forests of New England. Ecology, 83, 1604–1609.

 $\log(nspecies) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(latitude) + \beta_2(elevation) + \beta_3(latitude \times elevation)$



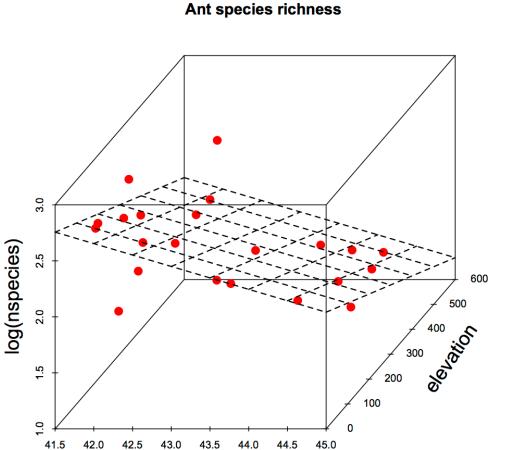
Example 2: Multiple regression

log(nsp)		dummy	_	latitude		elevation		lat*elev	
1.8		1		41.97		389		16326.33	
2.8		1		42.00		8		336.00	
2.9		1		42.03		152		6388.56	
2.8		1		42.05		1		42.05	
2.2		1		42.05		210		8830.50	
2.7		1		42.17		78		3289.26	
1.9		1		42.19		47		1982.93	
2.5		1		42.23		491		20734.93	
2.6		1		42.27		121		5114.67	
2.2	$= b_0$	1	+ b_1	42.31	+ b_2	95	+ b_{3}	4019.45	+ residuals
2.3		1		42.56		274		11661.44	
2.3		1		42.57		335		14260.95	
1.4		1		42.58		543		23120.94	
1.6		1		42.69		323		13788.87	
1.9		1		43.33		158		6846.14	
1.9		1		44.06		313		13790.78	
1.4		1		44.29		468		20727.72	
1.8		1		44.33		362		16047.46	
1.8		1		44.50		236		10502.00	
2.1		1		44.55		30		1336.50	
1.8		1		44.76		353		15800.28	
1.8		1		44.95		133		5978.35	

Use summary() to get parameter estimates

z <- lm(log(nspecies) ~ latitude * elevation)
summary(z) # yields the estimates b₀, b₁, b₂, b₃ (Please ignore the tests):

	Estimate	Std.Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	12.6271	5.0457	2.503	0.0222
latitude	-0.2369	0.1181	-2.006	0.0601
elevation	-0.0076	0.0187	-0.406	0.6894
latitude:elevation	0.0001	0.0004	0.331	0.7444



latitude

Use anova() or Anova() to test hypothesis

z <- lm(log(nspecies) ~ latitude * elevation)
anova(z)</pre>

yields the ANOVA table

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F	Pr(> <i>F</i>)	
latitude	1	1.44425	1.44425	14.5030	0.0013	**
elevation	1	1.07581	1.07581	10.8032	0.0041	**
latitude:elevation	1	0.01091	0.01091	0.1096	0.7444	
Residuals	18	1.79249	0.09958			

Remember: anova() tests each term or factor by comparing fits of <u>two</u> models to the data. Comparison is always between a *reduced* model and a *full* model. The *reduced*

How does R know what *full* and *reduced* models to use?

By default anova() tests model terms *sequentially* ("Type 1 SS")

```
z <- lm(log(nspecies) ~ latitude * elevation)
anova(z)</pre>
```

By default, R tests all terms following its own program of action:

1. anova(z) tests all model terms <u>sequentially</u> ("Type 1 SS") in the order you provided them in the formula.

2. anova(z) respects hierarchy: intercept tested first, then main effects, then interactions. To test an interaction between 2 or more variables, anova(z) uses a *reduced* model that contains all the main effects of those variables.

With sequential testing, order of terms in the model formula matters

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anova(z)</pre>

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Term	Reduced model	<i>Full</i> model	Improvement in SS resid
latitude	intercept	Intercept + latitude	1.44425
elevation	Intercept + latitude	Intercept + latitude + elevation	1.07581
latitude:elevation	Intercept + latitude + elevation	Intercept + latitude * elevation	0.01091

With sequential testing, order of terms in the model formula matters

```
z <- lm(log(nspecies) ~ elevation * latitude)
anova(z)</pre>
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
elevation	1	1.52670	1.52670	15.3309	0.0010 **
latitude	1	0.99336	0.99336	9.9752	0.0054 **
latitude:elevation	1	0.01091	0.01091	0.1096	0.7444
Residuals	18	1.79249	0.09958		

Term	Reduced model	<i>Full</i> model	Improvement in SS resid
elevation	intercept	Intercept + elevation	1.52670
latitude	Intercept + elevation	Intercept + elevation + latitude	0.99336
latitude:elevation	Intercept + elevation + latitude	Intercept + elevation * latitude	0.01091

Anova() in the car package can test terms marginally ("Type 3 SS")

Here, order of terms in model formula doesn't matter. Hierarchy is not respected. The improvement in SS residual for a given term in the *full* model is measured against a *reduced* model that contains <u>all</u> other terms, including any interactions. Hence, marginal testing also called "drop 1" testing.

Type 3 SS is the default in SAS, JMP and some other computer packages.

Warning: The lure of model simplification

The interaction term in the model was not significant. Can we drop it and refit?

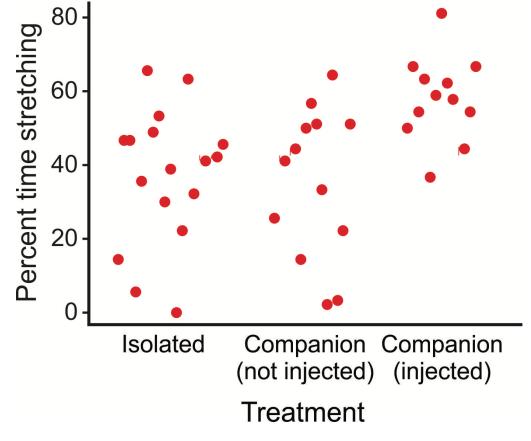
"models should be pared down until they are minimal adequate"

-- Crawley 2007, The R book, p325

- The temptation is strong to drop non-significant terms from models, to find a "minimum adequate model" or to provide more power to test remaining effects.
- Dropping a term when P > 0.05 implies that you've accepted a null hypothesis as true. Is this a good idea? Recalculated P-values in revised model become exploratory.
- Later, we will cover the topic of <u>model selection</u> how to choose the best model using explicit criteria for what constitutes "best."
- In the case of experiments, a good general rule is that *analysis should follow design*. Shouldn't a factor in your experiment also be in your linear model?

Example 3: Single-factor ANOVA

Data: the percentage of time that male mice given an injection to cause mild pain spent "stretching" in different familiar-companion treatments.





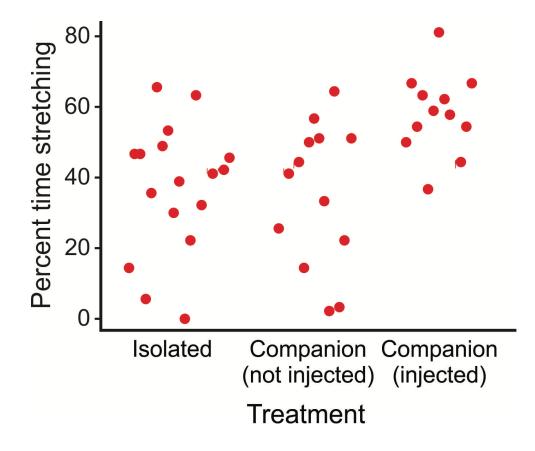
Langford, D. J., et al. 2006. *Science* 312: 1967-1970

ANOVA is fundamentally the same as linear regression

There's a response variable, a constant, an explanatory variable.

z <- lm(stretching ~ treatment)</pre>

The only difference is that now the explanatory variable is <u>categorical</u>.



Use summary() to get parameter estimates (ignore the tests)

z <- lm(stretching ~ treatment)</pre>

 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 \#$ Fits this linear model. What are β_0 , β_1 , β_2 ? I will explain.

summary(z) # Yields the estimates b_0, b_1, b_2

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	37.194	4.220	8.814	8.06e-11***
treatcompanion	-1.825	6.411	-0.285	0.77741
treatcompan.inj	20.856	6.560	3.179	0.00289**

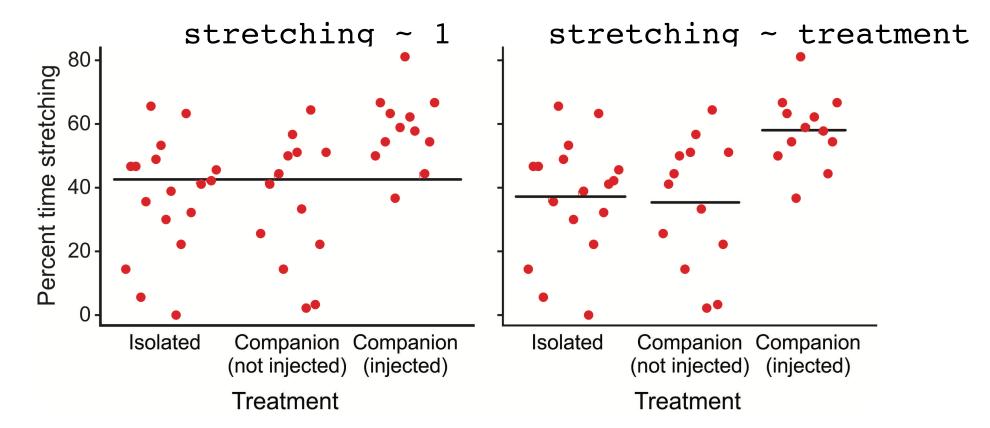
What are b_0 , b_1 , b_2 ? I will explain.

To answer, let's look at the anova() table first.

Use anova() to test hypotheses

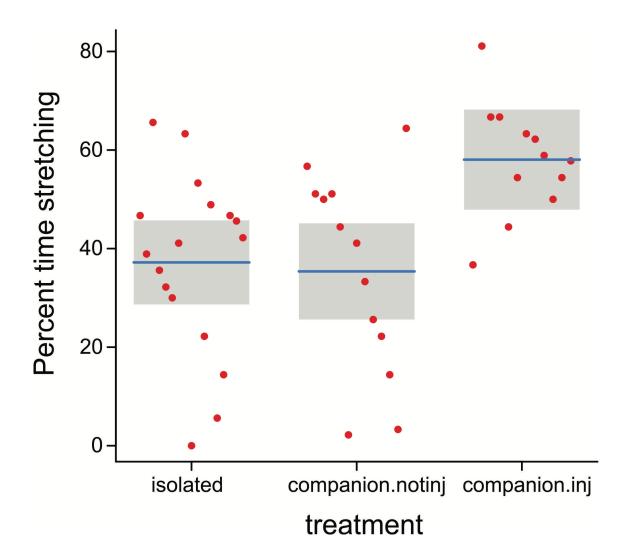
anova(z) #	# Produces the ANOVA table
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As before, each test in anova() compares the fit of TWO models:



Use visreg() to visualize model fits

visreg(z, "treatment")



Use emmeans () to get fitted means under the specific model

```
library(emmeans)
z <- lm(stretching ~ treatment)
emmeans(z, "treatment")</pre>
```

treatment	emmean	SE	df	lower.CL	upper.CL
isolated	37.19412	4.220082	39	28.65820	45.73004
companion.notinj	35.36923	4.825848	39	25.60803	45.13043
companion.inj	58.05000	5.022902	39	47.89022	68.20978

The SE's and confidence intervals are not the same as those you would calculate based on the data for each group separately, because they are based on the error (residual) mean square for the model (here, this is why df = 39 for each estimate).

Note: emmeans() yields the predicted or marginal means according to the model. These predicted means are <u>not</u> necessarily the same as the individual group means. It depends on what terms are in the model. What the summary() coefficients mean

```
z <- lm(stretching ~ treat)
summary(z)  # yields the following parameter estimates:</pre>
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	37.194	4.220	8.814	8.06e-11***
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What the summary() coefficients mean

Behind the scenes, R codes the 3 groups of the categorical variable with indicator variables that indicate group membership.

stretching	dummy	treatisolation	treatcompanion	treatcompan.inj
64.4	1	1	0	0
46.7	1	1	0	0
38.9	1	1	0	0
65.6	1	1	0	0
•••				
56.7	1	0	1	0
51.1	1	0	1	0
50.0	1	0	1	0
51.1	1	0	1	0
•••				
36.7	1	0	0	1
81.1	1	0	0	1
66.7	1	0	0	1
66.7	1	0	0	1

To analyze, R leaves out the indicator representing the <u>first</u> factor level to avoid a particular form of redundancy (a sum of three of the columns exactly equals the fourth). Use model.matrix(z) to see how indicators are coded.

stretching		dummy		treatcompanion		<pre>treatcompan.inj</pre>	
64.4		1		0		0	
46.7		1		0		0	
38.9		1		0		0	
65.6		1		0		0	
•••							
56.7		1		1		0	
51.1	$= \beta_0$	1	+ β_1	1	+ β_2	0	+ residuals
50.0		1		1		0	
51.1		1		1		0	
•••							
36.7		1		0		1	
81.1		1		0		1	
66.7		1		0		1	
66.7		1		0		1	

Linear model for the indicator variables

stretching = $\beta_0(1) + \beta_1(0) + \beta_2(0)$ + residual (subjects in isolation treatment) stretching = $\beta_0(1) + \beta_1(1) + \beta_2(0)$ + residual (subjects in companion treatment) stretching = $\beta_0(1) + \beta_1(0) + \beta_2(1)$ + residual (subjects in compan.inj treatment)

What the summary() coefficients mean

In other words, the linear model being fitted is:

stretching = β_0 + residual (subjects in isolation group) stretching = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ + residual (subjects in companion group) stretching = $\beta_0 + \beta_2$ + residual (subjects in compan.inj group)

Stare at this long enough and you'll realize that:

 β_0 is the mean of the isolated (control) group

 β_1 is the <u>difference</u> between companion and control groups

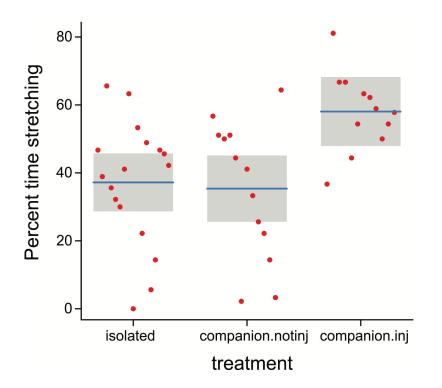
 β_2 is the <u>difference</u> between compan.inj and control groups

(Other codings are possible, in which case the interpretations of the parameters will change. Read the fine print. R's 0/1 scheme is relatively straightforward.)

What the summary () coefficients mean

 b_0 estimates the <u>mean</u> of the isolated (control) group b_1 estimates the <u>difference</u> between companion and control groups b_2 estimates the <u>difference</u> between compan.inj and control groups

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P-values are incorrect except for planned comparisons

How does anova() test a categorical term?

To test a categorical factor/term, the *reduced* model drops <u>all</u> columns coding for that factor

In this example, the three levels of treatment are coded by two dummy indicator variables, both of which are dropped in the *reduced* model.

z0 <- lm(percent.stretching ~ 1) # reduced model (1 column)
z1 <- lm(percent.stretching ~ treatment) # full model (3 columns)
anova(z0,z1)</pre>

	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum.of.Sq	F	Pr(> <i>F</i>)	
1 [reduced]	41	15848					-
2 [full]	39	11807	2	4040.9	6.6736	0.003216	**

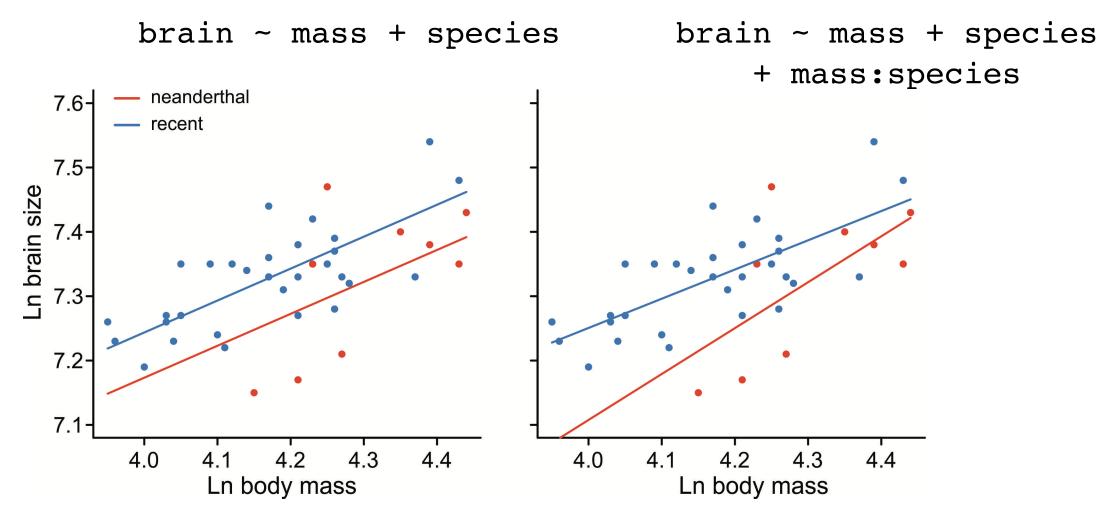
Summary of Example 3 so far

- Linear models can fit categorical variables too.
- Use visreg() to visualize model fits.
- Use emmeans () to estimate predicted group means.
- Use summary() for parameter estimation, if useful. To interpret the estimates, it is useful to know about how R handles categorical variables behind the scenes (0/1 indicator variables).
- Ordering your categories well (e.g., control group first) will maximize the usefulness of the parameter estimates from the fitted model (e.g., estimates of differences between each treatment group and the control group).
- Use anova() or Anova() for hypothesis testing (*P* values, sums of squares).
- Use plot() to check assumptions (workshop)

Example 4: Models with both numeric and categorical variables (ANCOVA)

Brain and body sizes of Neanderthal specimens (•) and early modern humans (•). Ruff et al 1977).

Do they (we) have different brain sizes, after accounting for differences in body size? Answering this is easiest if we can assume the model on the left is correct.



```
anova() tests terms sequentially
z <- lm(brain ~ mass * species)
anova(z)</pre>
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
mass	1	0.102528	0.102528	23.1465	2.835e-05	* * *
species	1	0.027553	0.027553	6.2203	0.0175	*
mass:species	1	0.004845	0.004845	1.0938	0.3028	
Residuals	35	0.155033	0.004430			

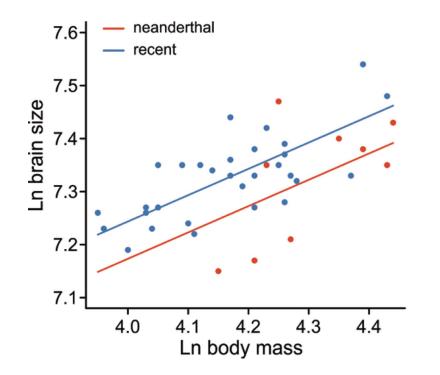
Interaction is not significant, but equal slopes remains an assumption not a conclusion (one not contradicted by the data).

summary() obtains the parameter estimates

Model with no interaction (equal slopes)
z <- lm(brain ~ mass + species)
summary(z)</pre>

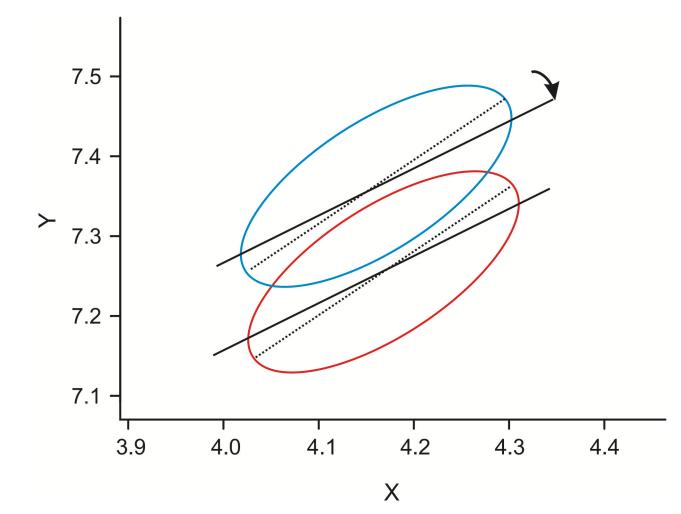
Estimate Std. Error Interpretation of parameters estimated

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(Intercept)	5.22321	0.38862	Intercept for species 1 (recent humans)
Inmass	0.49632	0.09173	Slope for species 1 (same slope fit to both)
species1	-0.03514	0.01411	Difference between intercepts (i.e., size-corrected
			difference)



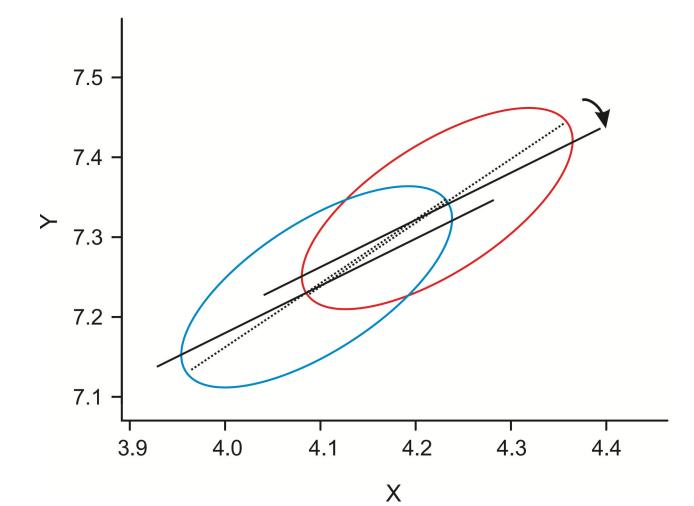
Size-correction is valid only when range of X-values is similar in all groups

Although our goal is to "correct" for variation in X in order to comparing Y among groups, X is not the cause of Y. Hence, there is "regression toward the mean".



Problems arise when the range of X-values is not the same among groups

Differences in Y might persist even after "correcting" for differences in X. Major axis regression methods are more suitable instead (available in R!).



Core assumptions of linear models

- Normally-distributed errors
- Equal variance of residuals in all groups
- Independent errors
- Continuous covariates have the same range of values in all groups

Use plot(z) to assess departures from the assumptions of normality and equal variance (workshop this week).

Linear models are reasonably robust to departures from assumptions 1 and 2, especially if sample size is large and balanced. However, outliers can cause problems.

The assumption of independent errors is met if your sample constitutes a random sample and you have not pseudoreplicated.

Related topics

What if your residuals aren't normal because of outliers? Nonparametric methods exist, but these don't provide parameter estimates.

• Robust regression methods (rlm)

What if response data are binary or discrete?

• Generalized linear models (glm)

What if there are random effects?

• Linear mixed effects models (lme)

What if residuals are not independent because of autocorrelation or phylogeny?

• General least squares methods (gls)

Discussion paper:

Kelly and Price (2005). Correcting for regression to the mean in behavior and ecology. *American Naturalist* 166: 700-707.

Download from "handouts" tab on course web site.

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A word about planned vs unplanned comparisons

Unplanned ("post hoc") comparisons:

- Multiple comparisons among means after ANOVA done.
- Used to find which pairs of means are statistically significantly different.
- A kind of data dredging (i.e., no plan).
- Incorporates special protection against high false positive rate.
- *P*-values in summary() table are not protected, so can't use them.

Planned ("a priori") comparisons:

- Comparisons between group means that were decided when the experiment was designed (not after the data were in).
- For example, compare a key treatment against the control.
- Must be few in number to avoid inflating false positive rate.
- *P*-values in summary() can be used for planned comparisons.
- Other types of planned contrasts are also possible (emmeans package)